

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

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PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Funding Round 2007A

**Grants and Loans
to
Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations
for
Open Space Acquisition and Park Development**

**Recommended for Funding
to the
Garden State Preservation Trust**



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The Green Acres Mission

*To achieve, in partnership with others, a system of interconnected open spaces,
whose protection will preserve and enhance New Jersey's natural environment and its historic,
scenic, and recreational resources for public use and enjoyment.*

General Overview

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Green Acres Program was created in 1961 to meet New Jersey's growing recreation and conservation needs. Together with public and private partners, Green Acres has protected more than 600,000 acres of open space and provided hundreds of outdoor recreational facilities in communities around the State. The total acres of protected open space and farmland across the State has exceeded 1.3 million acres.

The protection of New Jersey's environmentally sensitive open space, vital water resources, and significant natural and historic resources is critical to the quality of life enjoyed by all New Jerseyans. Preserved open space protects our water supply, protects sensitive habitats for endangered and threatened species, promotes smart growth, and provides a place for public recreation and connection with community and nature.

Quality open space and attractive recreational facilities in cities, suburbs, and other developed communities throughout New Jersey help to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors and help to create an environment where people want to live and work.

Thanks to widespread public support of land preservation for recreation and conservation purposes, and to Governor Jon S. Corzine's commitment to smart growth and the environment, New Jersey's legacy of parks, open space, and conservation areas will continue with funding provided under the Garden State Preservation Trust Act.

Current Approvals

This round of projects approved by the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) includes funding for \$40.2 million for local (municipal and county) land acquisition projects, \$24.8 million for the

development of local parks and recreational facilities, \$6.1 million for acquisition projects by nonprofit organizations, and \$2 million for recreational development by nonprofit organizations.

Funding is provided for land acquisition in rural, urban and suburban communities throughout New Jersey. Funding for park development is provided to create new parks and to upgrade existing recreational facilities in our communities.

Funding Formula

Recently, the Department has sought to increase funding to local government units in cities and older densely developed suburban communities. The Program established categories of “Densely Populated Municipalities” which have a population of at least 35,000 people, and “Highly Populated Municipalities” with a population density greater than 5,000 people per square mile. Funding for densely and highly populated municipalities is derived through the application of a multiplier that recognizes a municipality or county’s population data. The recommendations to the Garden State Preservation Trust reflect the following factors, assuming that a “base award” is presented to those municipal and county sponsors outside of the population centers:

County sponsors:

- More than 5,000 people per square mile – 3 times the base award
- More than 1,000 people per square mile - 2.5 times the base award
- Less than 1,000 people per square mile – 2 times the base award

Municipal sponsors:

- Urban Aid Communities – 2 times the base award
- Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities – 1.5 times the base award
- All others receive the base award

The multiplication factors and base award will vary with each funding round based on total requests, funding availability, and project priorities. For the 2007A funding round, the base has

been decreased to \$300,000 for acquisition and development projects, based on extremely limited funding. Each applicant is limited to two approved projects. Project award caps are:

COUNTY SPONSOR	Project Cap
	Acquisition and Development
Densely Populated	\$ 900,000
Highly Populated	\$ 750,000
Remaining counties	\$ 600,000

MUNICIPAL SPONSOR	Project Cap
	Acquisition and Development
Urban Aid	\$600,000
Densely/Highly Populated	\$450,000
Non-urban	\$300,000

Local Acquisition Projects

Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the acquisition and development of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. Green Acres non-urban acquisition loans are repayable at 2% interest over 30 years. In this funding round, funds are provided for projects in several categories: Urban Aid Acquisition, Planning Incentive Acquisition, Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition, and Standard Acquisition.

Local governments acquire a variety of land types for a variety of reasons. Environmentally sensitive lands, historic areas, and sites containing or adjacent to significant water bodies are often acquired for their unique features. In addition, land that does not possess inherently unique or sensitive natural resource characteristics is often acquired because it is suitable for active and passive recreation.

To support the purchase of open space in New Jersey's cities, where opportunities are extremely limited and generally expensive, the funding ratio for the Urban Aid acquisition projects is 75% grant, 25% loan up to the cap. Loans for Urban Aid acquisition projects are at zero percent over

30 years. The Garden State Preservation Trust Act provides this ratio of funding for projects that demonstrate “special need or exceptional circumstances.” In this funding round, six acquisition projects totaling \$3.4 million are being approved in Urban Aid municipalities.

In the last several years, many New Jersey local governments have passed, by voter referendum, a tax used for the acquisition of land for recreation and conservation purposes. Many have also prepared the required Open Space and Recreation Plan to guide the expenditure of these funds. To encourage and provide support for land acquisition to local governments that have adopted progressive open space policies, Green Acres initiated a grant-funding category known as the Planning Incentive category.

With these Planning Incentive project approvals, Green Acres anticipates a long-term partnership with the local government where local and state funds can be used to acquire land identified in the local government’s plan. Funding in the form of a 50 percent matching grant up to an established cap (based on the population density multiplier), may be augmented in future funding rounds as the local government makes significant progress in its acquisition efforts. In this funding round, Green Acres is approving 90 Planning Incentive applications totaling \$32.3 million.

Local governments that have a dedicated open space tax or an approved alternative funding method, but do not yet have an approved Open Space and Recreation Plan, may qualify for a Site-Specific Incentive award at a 50 percent matching grant ratio. These awards are made for a specific project site. To qualify for additional funding, a local government in this category must file a new application. In this funding round, eight local governments will receive Site-Specific Incentive awards totaling \$2.3 million.

Local governments that have yet to pass an open space tax may qualify for funding under the Standard Acquisition category. The award is a 25% matching grant with the balance made in a low-interest loan up to the established cap. In this funding round, nine acquisition projects are being funded in the Standard Acquisition category, for a total of nearly \$2.2 million.

Local Recreational Facilities Development Projects

Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the development of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. Recreation needs are as diverse as the people who play. To meet these needs, Green Acres funds different types of parks in a variety of settings. Whether in urban, suburban, or rural areas, parks play an important role in sustaining New Jersey's high quality of life.

The protection of open space and the provision of recreational facilities in New Jersey's densely developed cities are high priorities. To further support park development in Urban Aid communities, these projects will receive 50 percent of the project cost in grant funding, and the balance in a zero-interest loan up to the cap. Projects sponsored by Densely Populated Counties also receive 50 percent grant funding, with the balance as a low-interest (2%) loan up to a cap.

Park development projects in Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities, or projects sponsored by Highly Populated Counties, will receive a 25 percent grant, and a low-interest (2%) loan up to the established cap. Non-urban communities receive low-interest (2%) loan funding up to the cap. All development loans are repayable over 20 years.

This round of projects includes nearly \$24.8 million for 50 local (county and municipal) recreational park development projects across the State. Specifically, \$17.4 million in grants and loans are being approved for 31 development projects in Urban Aid municipalities or sponsored by Densely Populated Counties across New Jersey. Grants and loans for 12 development projects in Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities, or sponsored by Highly Populated Counties, are being approved, for a total of \$4.9 million. An additional \$2.4 million in loans will be awarded for seven park development projects in non-urban communities.

Nonprofit Projects

Green Acres has had a long and successful relationship with the many nonprofit land trust organizations that preserve open space throughout New Jersey. Some are small, local groups; some are international organizations.

Nonprofit organizations can receive 50% matching grant funding for land acquisition statewide, and for recreational development projects in Urban Aid, Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities, or Densely Populated Counties. In this funding round, \$6.1 million is being approved for acquisition projects by 38 nonprofit organizations, some of which are preserving land throughout the State. In addition, 11 recreational development projects sponsored by nonprofit organizations are being approved, for a total of \$2 million. Additional funding is being awarded to those regional or statewide preservation organizations that have shown significant progress in acquiring land and spending previously approved Green Acres funding.

Funding for all Green Acres projects is contingent upon the Legislature's passage of an appropriation bill.

Atlantic County

Egg Harbor Twp

Bargaintown Park

The Township of Egg Harbor desires to create a multi-use facility for active and passive recreation at the municipally owned Bargaintown Park. Specifically, this proposal includes: construction of two full size soccer fields, two basketball courts, four tennis courts, a Babe Ruth size baseball/softball field, access road with parking lots, tot lot, restroom building and walking trails throughout.

\$ 300,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Galloway Township

Heron Rookery Acquisition

The township is in the process of preserving 70 acres of land, with an existing Great Blue Heron Rookery. The goal is to protect the remaining forested land within the Rookery and keep it preserved for the Heron's habitat. This is an 18 acre parcel to complete the 70 acres needed. The project has been approved by Atlantic County and the Cape May Municipal Utilities Authority Pine Barrens program, each awarding \$150,000 in grant money.

\$ 41,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Hamilton Township

Liepe Tract Extension

The Township of Hamilton proposes to purchase a 38.8 acres parcel adjacent to the existing Liepe Tract Recreation Area for the future development of recreation facilities to meet the needs of a growing population. The site is currently farmland and is located on Leipzig and Cologne avenues.

\$ 230,500 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Ventnor City

Rehabilitation of Ventnor Fishing Pier

To meet the high demand for recreational facilities along barrier islands, the City of Ventnor proposes to demolish an existing dilapidated fishing pier and its ancillary structures. Following demolition, the City will install new pilings to create a fishing pier with a support building.

\$ 306,250 Loan Award

\$ 143,750 Matching Grant Award

\$ 450,000 Total

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Park Development

Bergen County

Alpine Borough

Booth Tract

The Borough of Alpine requests funds to acquire the Booth property. This parcel is located off of Route 9 and Closter Dock Road. The 2.2 acre property will be a welcome addition to the Borough's existing parkland.

\$ 300,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Edgewater Borough

Veterans Field Improvements

Edgewater Borough has developed a master plan for the redevelopment of Veterans Field, with the goal of ensuring that the park layout will accommodate current and future community needs. Veterans Field is located on River Road, adjacent to the Hudson River. Green Acres previously approved funding for this project. The Borough is now requesting additional funding to renovate or replace athletic fields, basketball courts and tennis courts; install a playground and restroom facilities; add picnic areas along the river; and improve access to the river by upgrading the Hudson River Walkway and installing a boat launch.

\$ 400,000 Loan Award

\$ 50,000 Matching Grant Award

\$ 450,000 Total

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Park Development

Garfield City

Garfield City Multiparks

Garfield City proposes a wide range of improvements at 20th Century Field, located at Elizabeth Street and Gaston Avenue, and Belmont Oval Park, located on Spring Street at Garden Court South. At 20th Century Field, the City plans to renovate the ball fields and install new lighting, replace the soccer field with an upgraded soccer/football field, install playground equipment in the Toddler Playground area, restore the bikeway/pedestrian pathway throughout the park, and restore the picnic area. At Belmont Oval Park, the City proposes to reconfigure the combined ball field/soccer field at LaFaso Field to create a synthetic turf practice soccer/football field and regulation baseball field, install new bikeway/pedestrian pathways, and renovate the parking area. These improvements will provide a more efficient use of the City's recreation space, and increase the recreation opportunities available to the community.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Oradell Borough

Lafayette's Revolutionary War Encampment

The Borough of Oradell would like to acquire part of Lafayette's Revolutionary War Encampment site at Soldier Hill. The acquisition would preserve an important cultural and historical resource. Once acquired, the site will be submitted for consideration by the National Register of Historic Places. The site will become a passive park and provide a scenic overlook to Oradell Reservoir. The educational and historic relevance of the site, along with the treasured old growth hardwoods that line Kinderkamack Road, make this a high priority preservation project in this heavily developed community.

\$ 212,500 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Ridgefield Park Village

Nature Preserve

The Village of Ridgefield Park seeks to acquire about 4 acres of land (six residential lots) to create a nature preserve. The preserve would protect the rich plant life, wildlife, vital wetlands and natural spring within the site. It would also serve as a link to both Hobart Park and Veterans Park. This natural oasis would be well appreciated in the highly developed community of Ridgefield Park Village.

\$ 62,500 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Burlington County

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Rancocas Pointe Trail

Burlington County proposes to construct an ADA-accessible pedestrian/bicycle trail along the bank of the Rancocas Creek in Mount Laurel Township. The proposed trail will link several active and passive recreation park facilities within the County's Rancocas Greenway project area. The segment to be funded through this project, which will meander through woodlands, will provide scenic vistas along the Creek.

\$ 174,000 Loan Award

\$ 58,000 Matching Grant Award

\$ 232,000 Total

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Park Development

Burlington Township

Tillinghast Property

The township is proposing to acquire 76 acres of farmland owned by the Tillinghast Family. The property consists of open farm fields and wetlands. The tremendous growth that Burlington Township has experienced over the past decade has highlighted the need to preserve the remaining open space and wooded areas that are such an important part of our environment. The township is fully committed to preserving the rural character of the entire Mill Lane area.

\$ 300,000 Loan Award

Standard Acquisition

Cinnaminson Township

Route 90 Land Acquisition

The New Jersey Department of Transportation had planned to build a connection to Route 90 on the proposed site and acquired the necessary land. Ultimately, the plan for the Route 90 connection was abandoned and the NJDOT made the land available to the Township for the price paid to acquire it in 1967, enabling the Township to preserve the land at a fraction of the current cost. The existing use is farmland and vacant land. The land slopes gently down to the Pennsauken Creek and contains wooded wetlands and riparian zones. Long term plans for the site include a mix of active and passive recreation.

\$ 300,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

Delanco Township

Waterfront Acquisitions

Delanco Township is seeking Green Acres funding to preserve the waterfront properties associated with the historic Zurbrugg mansion, also known as the Columns. These properties will provide visual and physical access to the Delaware River in an area that otherwise lacks public access to the waterfront. Ultimately, the property will be used for passive recreation and river access, and potentially will be a stop along the National Park Service's proposed Delaware River Heritage Trail.

\$ 300,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

Delanco Twp

Pennington Farm Park

Delanco Township proposes to construct a new recreation complex at Pennington Farm Park, located adjacent to a passive-recreation County park along the Rancocas Creek on Creek Road. The recreation complex will include softball and soccer fields, tennis and basketball courts, a picnic area and playground, walking trails, and parking areas. The landscaping plan for the proposed project calls for significant tree plantings.

\$ 300,000 Loan Award

Park Development

New Hanover Township

Cookstown Village Green

New Hanover Township seeks to acquire a one-acre parcel of vacant land in the geographical center of Cookstown. The site is located across the street from the municipal building and the General Godfrey House, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Township will preserve this vacant parcel for passive recreation.

\$ 114,375 Loan Award

\$ 38,125 Matching Grant Award

\$ 152,500 Total

Standard Acquisition

Mount Laurel Twp

Comprehensive Recreation Trail

Mount Laurel Township is seeking additional funding to construct a handicapped accessible nature trail that will connect a number of open space, recreation, and environmental education

sites in the Township. The trail will run from Trotter's Crossing on Union Mill Road and Walton Avenue to the Kowaleski Property on Gaskill Road. A trail spur will connect to the PAWS Farm Nature Center. Interpretive signage will educate users about the wetland, creek, and wooded areas along the trail. Parking and landscape plantings are also proposed. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

\$ 325,000 Loan Award

\$ 125,000 Matching Grant Award

\$ 450,000 Total

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality
Park Development**

Camden County

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Waterfront Park Enhancement

The Waterfront Enhancement project will build upon the existing open space on the Camden Waterfront and complete the transformation of this formerly industrial vacant land into a recreation facility and scenic corridor. This project will bulkhead the last remaining pier along the waterfront completing a 1.5 mile trail along the river. The final phase will include pedestrian areas, marina facilities, landscaping, and promenade improvements. This magnificent open space will continue to support the development of nearby cultural, educational, and entertainment attractions.

\$750,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Camden City

Dudley Grange Park Rehabilitation

The City of Camden plans to rehab and upgrade the facilities at Dudley Grange Park. The plan calls for the removal and replacement of old play equipment, walkways, water features and supporting utilities. The drainage will be improved and erosion and sediment control measures will be incorporated. An access road through the park will be constructed. Lighting, benches, tables, trash receptacles, and other amenities are also included, as are landscaping and signage.

\$ 277,500 Loan Award

\$ 322,500 Matching Grant Award

\$ 600,000 Total

Urban Aid Development

Camden City

Upper Farnham Park

Camden City proposes to re-establish the upper sections of Farnham park to encourage use, enhance safety, refurbish obsolete stormwater systems, and provide a trail linking the Cooper River Greenway. The trail will accommodate bikers, rollerbladers, and skateboarders. Also included will be seating, a family picnic area, volleyball area, and refurbished spray pool. Steep slopes will be addressed and replanted to limit erosion and there will be a significant amount of new landscape plantings.

\$ 77,500 Loan Award

\$ 522,500 Matching Grant Award

\$ 600,000 Total

Urban Aid Development

Gloucester City

Freedom Pier Walkway

Gloucester City seeks Green Acres funding to construct a public walkway along the Delaware River Waterfront on the former Coast Guard Base property, as part of the Freedom Pier Development Project. This represents the first phase of a redevelopment effort spearheaded by the city that will result in public access along the majority of Gloucester City's waterfront. The finished walkway will tie in with previously funded Proprietor's Park.

\$ 170,000 Loan Award

\$ 430,000 Matching Grant Award

\$ 600,000 Total

Urban Aid Development

Cape May County

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County Park Zoo Enhancement

The County of Cape May is seeking funding to support the enhancement of the Cape May County Park Zoo, located in Cape May Court House, Middle Township. This facility is a regional resource, providing unparalleled recreational opportunities to more than 450,000 visitors each year. This Phase I enhancement includes shoreline stabilization and landscape rehabilitation around the County Park Pond, as well as rehabilitation of the gazebo at the Pond; construction of a Picnic Shelter and a newly expanded playground area with a diverse array of structures, sculptures and equipment. Also included is the realignment of access roadway and parking area to reduce pedestrian/vehicular conflict, along with landscaping, fencing and new amenities such as signage, trash receptacles, benches, etc. throughout the park.

\$ 600,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Lower Township

Multi Parks

The Township of Lower is requesting additional funding for the previously approved recreational facilities, Bennett's Crossing, located on US Route 9, and the Rutherford Property, located on Bayshore Road. These properties are currently leased with the intention of being developed into recreation facilities. Nineteen acres at Bennett's Crossing is leased from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife. Thirty-two acres at the Rutherford Property is being leased from the County of Cape May. These recreation complexes will contain multi-use sports fields with sports lighting, tennis courts, playground structure, open play areas, walking trails, picnic areas, passive recreation facilities, landscaping, and parking.

\$ 300,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Cumberland County

Vineland City

Multi-Park Development Project

The City of Vineland is requesting Green Acres funding for a Multi-Park Development Project. This project consists of the following parks: 1) Landis Park ~ upgrading of the existing senior league baseball field and construction of a walking/biking/skating path. 2) Normandie Lane Park ~ upgrading of football lighting. 3) Carl Arthur Recreational Area ~ construction of a handball court, modular restroom facility, expansion of the existing parking lot and sidewalk improvements.

\$ 121,500 Loan Award

\$ 478,850 Matching Grant Award

\$ 600,000 Total

Urban Aid Development

Essex County

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Riverfront Park and Recreation Facility Acquisition

Essex County plans to acquire a 5.6 acre parcel of land adjacent to the Passaic River, near Brill Street, located in the Ironbound section of Newark. The acquisition of this parcel will extend the area of County and City owned parkland along the Passaic River, which already includes Newark City's Joseph Minish Park and Essex County's River Bank Park. Currently, the property is used as a storage facility, and is mostly paved. The new parkland will allow access to the River, and provide space for much needed passive and active recreational facilities.

\$ 900,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Essex County

Multi-parks Improvements

In 2003, Essex County completed a Master Plan for the phased improvement of its entire park system. The initial focus was on Branch Brook Park and Weequahic Park, both located in Newark; Orange Park located in the City of Orange; Verona Park located in Verona Township; and new exhibits in Turtle Back Zoo, located in West Orange Township. The County will continue to rehabilitate its parks as described in the Master Plan, particularly those located in the more urban areas of the County. In addition, the County plans to construct a new Sea Lion Exhibit at Turtle Back Zoo.

\$ 900,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Bloomfield Twp

Bloomfield Ramp Skate Park

The Township of Bloomfield proposes to construct a ramp skate park within Memorial Park, located along John F. Kennedy Drive. The project is in direct response to public interest and requests for a designated location for skateboarders and free style bicyclists to practice and enjoy their sports. In addition, the Township will construct a walking path around the perimeter of the park, and install benches and landscaping, for more leisurely recreational pursuits.

\$ 116,400 Loan Award

\$ 116,400 Matching Grant Award

\$ 232,800 Total

Urban Aid Development

Caldwell Boro

Caldwell Recreational Complex Acquisition

The Borough of Caldwell proposes to acquire four vacant parcels totaling 2.82 acres, located along Bloomfield Avenue, and adjacent to the Kiwanis Oval, the Borough's only recreation facility. The Borough's need for additional open space is acute, and these parcels are ideally situated to expand the existing park. Preservation of this land will enable the Borough to expand its recreation complex onto a flat, open field area, while protecting a stand of mature forest and steep slopes that abut Pine Brook. Public access to the wooded area will be provided by means of a trail system.

\$ 450,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

Irvington Twp

Orange Avenue Park Development

The Township of Irvington proposes to renovate Orange Avenue Park. As part of the renovation project, the Township will reconstruct a tennis court, resurface 2 basketball courts, upgrade a baseball field, repair and replace existing lighting, renovate interior and exterior of the existing community building and install new playground equipment. Finally, the Township proposes to install a security system with video cameras for the benefit of the park users.

\$ 225,000 Loan Award

\$ 225,000 Matching Grant Award

\$ 450,000 Total

Urban Aid Development

Maplewood Township

Maplewood Playing Fields

The Township of Maplewood, in collaboration with several nonprofit organizations, proposes to replace the current athletic fields at DeHart Park, which total approximately 140,000 square feet in area, with a handicap-accessible, multi-use artificial turf system and upgrade the existing lighting system.

\$ 246,869 Loan Award

\$ 203,131 Matching Grant Award

\$ 450,000 Total

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Park Development

Newark City

Nat Turner Park Development Project

The City of Newark proposes the development of Nat Turner Park, also known as Hayes Park West, located between Eighteenth Avenue and Muhammad Ali Avenue, near Livingston Street. The site was purchased by the City in the early 1970's with Green Acres assistance, but has since been left vacant and unusable. The City has worked closely with The Trust for Public Land to develop plans for the park that will meet the recreation needs of the community, including facilities that may be used by surrounding schools. Portions of the park will feature active recreation facilities, including athletic fields and track, court games, roller and ice skating, and playgrounds. Other portions of the park will accommodate picnic areas, game tables, an amphitheater, open play area and community gathering areas.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Newark City

Minish Park Passaic Riverfront

For many years the City of Newark and the US Army Corps of Engineers have collaborated on the Joseph G. Minish Passaic Riverfront Park and Historic Area, a proposed two mile long linear park adjacent to the Passaic River. The completed park will extend from Bridge Street to Brill Street, and will feature a dual promenade that provides one pathway for walking, and a separate path for faster paced activities such as biking and roller blading. The promenade will also include benches, lighting, and landscaping. At various locations the park will extend upland beyond the promenade, expanding the area of public open spaces. The first phase of this project consists of the portion of the promenade located between Bridge Street and Penn Station, in the vicinity of the NJ Performing Arts Center. The City hopes to complete this portion of the park as soon as possible, to allow public access to, and enjoyment of, recreation activities along the Passaic River.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Gloucester County

Glassboro Boro

Park Renovations

The Borough of Glassboro proposes improvements to three of its park and recreation centers. At the East New Street Park, construction of a pavilion and pavement of a dirt access road; South Delsea Drive Complex, construction of a pavilion/patio roof to the existing recreation center and at Owens Field (Glassboro Sports Complex), reconstruction of the existing parking lot along Sewell Street. The redevelopment of these three parks will enhance and promote both active and passive recreation throughout the Borough.

\$ 297,500 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Hudson County

Bayonne City

Harbor View Park

Bayonne City proposes to develop a waterfront park at the former Military Ocean Terminal. The park centerpiece will be the 100 foot monument that will serve as a memorial to those who perished in the World Trade Center attacks. The initial phase will be bulkhead improvements to prepare for the walkway extension. Other features include a great lawn, amphitheater seating, landscaping, and a 2.4 mile extension of the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway. The finished park will allow for superb views of the Harbor, Statue of Liberty, Manhattan skyline, and the Verrazano Narrows Bridge.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Guttenberg Town

Guttenberg Town Riverfront Park

The Town of Guttenberg plans to address municipal recreation needs by developing its first waterfront park. This project, located at 1700 River Road, will extend the Hudson River walkway and allow residents their only access to the Hudson River in Guttenberg. The project will include landscaping, walking areas, rest rooms, parking, an amphitheater, and associated programming.

\$ 295,000 Loan Award

\$ 155,000 Matching Grant Award

\$ 450,000 Total

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Park Development

Harrison Town**Waterfront Walkway Dev**

The Town of Harrison would like to develop a waterfront walkway along Frank E. Rodgers Blvd South, Cape May Street, and the Passaic River. Included in the riverwalk proposal is a pedestrian walkway, a bike path, lighting, benches, railing, and extensive seeding and landscaping. This walkway is a key component in Harrison's revitalization of the waterfront area. This project will increase access to the Passaic River and transform a former industrial site into a passive recreational facility that is open to the public.

\$ 450,000 Loan Award

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Park Development

Hoboken City**1600 Park Development**

The City of Hoboken wishes to install drainage and artificial turf at the newly acquired 1600 Park Avenue site. The site will become immediately accessible for open play, practice, picnicking, and special events. Additional elements will be added in the future.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Hoboken City**Pier C Development**

Pier C Park is the final element in the City's waterfront redevelopment plan, known as the South Waterfront Development. The newly constructed pier will provide a variety of public access walkways along the entire perimeter of the park, in a curved design to maximize views and perspectives. Park activities will include a fishing pier, volleyball, play equipment, landscaping,

benches, lighting, and other amenities. It will be an active and passive park, with views of the New York City skyline and the Hudson River.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Jersey City

Owen Grundy Pier and York Street Park

Jersey City proposes the reconstruction of Owen Grundy Pier Park and the walkway to York Street Park, at the foot of Montgomery and York Streets along the Hudson River. The project calls for the replacement of wooden planks, new fencing, and the reconstruction of the seawall to prevent collapse.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Kearny Town

Belgrove Drive Playground

In an effort to address obsolete conditions and code compliance issues, Kearny Town proposes to reconstruct the park facilities at Belgrove Drive Playground. The scope of work includes site preparation, equipment installation of basketball backboard and goals, new court surfaces, tennis nets, retaining walls, fencing, play structures with upgraded surfaces, lighting, and landscaping.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Union City

Doric Park Improvements

Union City proposes to demolish a City owned building atop the Palisades Cliffs and combine the site with an adjacent passive park. The new facility will more than double the size of the original park and contain both passive and active elements for toddlers, youth, and seniors. Included will be water features, a swimming and baby pool, an area for seasonal water play, walkways, retaining walls, an observation deck with views of the New York City skyline, a driveway, restroom, fencing, landscaping, benches, lighting, and other amenities.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Weehawken Twp

Louisa Park and Playground

Louisa Park is one of the most actively used playgrounds in Weehawken. The Township seeks funding to remove the existing gazebo, replace the play equipment, replace the basketball goal and backboard and repave the court. The volleyball court will be redesigned into a water play area. The project also includes curb work, resetting of pavers, new fencing, retaining walls, landscaping, signage, electrical work, benches, and other amenities.

\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Mercer County

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Baldpate Mountain Development

Mercer County proposes to preserve Baldpate Mountain in its natural state while providing facilities to meet the passive recreational needs of the citizens of Mercer County. The property is located in Hopewell Township and is bordered by Route 29, Fiddlers Creek Road and Pleasant Valley Road. The County is seeking additional funding to improve an existing access drive, restore and convert an existing house into a visitor's center, stabilize outbuildings on the site, create parking, enhance and improve existing trails, and upgrade the site's well, water treatment, septic and electric. Also proposed is restoration of a garden/horticulture area, orchard, signage and landscaping. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

\$ 650,000 Loan Award

Highly Populated County

Park Development

Hopewell Borough

St. Michael's Orphanage Site Acquisition

The Borough of Hopewell, in a partnership effort with the D&R Greenway Land Trust and local, county and state governments, is seeking to acquire the St. Michael's Orphanage Site, located in Hopewell Township. The 336 acre tract, located on the southern end of Hopewell Borough on Hopewell-Princeton Road, consists of forests, fields and the stream corridor of Beden's Brook. The preservation of this tract would be part of a larger regional effort to create a greenbelt around the Borough of Hopewell, preserving the village character of the Borough, protecting natural resources and wildlife habitats, and providing recreational opportunities to the public.

\$ 300,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

Princeton Twp

Coventry Farm Park

Coventry Farm Park, a 22.67 acre park, was acquired by Princeton Township in partnership with the D & R Greenway for active recreation. The park is located at the northwest corner of the Great Road and Pretty Brook Road. Specific park improvements include two soccer fields, two baseball fields, a parking area, detention basin, tot lot, restroom facility, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and landscaping. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

\$ 300,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Middlesex County

Middlesex County

New Brunswick Landing

As part of the Raritan River Strategy Plan, Middlesex County and the City of New Brunswick seek additional funding to construct a dock near the Richmond Street pedestrian overpass, adjacent to the Delaware & Raritan Canal towpath. The structure, which includes a fixed dock connecting to a floating dock, will provide accommodation for recreational boats and afford access to the Raritan River from New Brunswick, as well as access from the river to New Brunswick City's Boyd Park, the towpath, and the downtown area. The plans include dredging a channel to allow access to the dock and upland amenities, including walkways, parking, and an access drive. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

\$ 750,000 Loan Award

Urban Aid Development

Middlesex County

Old Bridge Waterfront Park Phase II

Middlesex County is requesting additional funding for Phase II of Old Bridge Waterfront Park, located along the Raritan Bay in Old Bridge Township between Margaret's Creek and Whale Creek. The project includes a boat launch area for canoes and kayaks, an open lawn/play area, a playground, a gazebo, lighted walkways, scenic overlooks, sitting areas, landscaping, a bridge over Margaret's Creek and parking areas. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project and for Phase I of Old Bridge Waterfront Park.

\$ 750,000 Loan Award

Urban Aid Development

Carteret Borough

Arthur Kill Waterfront Recreational Facility Phase II

The Borough is seeking funding for additional improvements to Arthur Kill Waterfront Recreational Facility, including the installation of an additional 750 feet of a stationary pier with steel pilings and concrete deck. The expanded pier will allow the community additional opportunities to fish and engage in birdwatching. Also proposed are a number of marina improvements, including floating docks, over 200 boat slips with utilities, expanded parking, and pump out, fueling, and restroom facilities. The Borough of Carteret previously received Green Acres funding to construct Phase I and a portion of Phase II of the Arthur Kill Waterfront Recreation Facility.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Carteret Boro

Carteret Multipark Improvements

Carteret Borough is seeking funding to develop and improve three Borough parks: Chrome Park, Civic Center Park, and John Street Soccer Park. At Chrome Park, along Bergen Street, Pershing Avenue, and Salem Avenue, the Borough is proposing an interactive water park, new walkways, seating, and lighting. Proposed improvements at Civic Center Park, along Harris Street and Pershing Avenue, include installation of turf on three existing ball fields, a new open practice turf field, a picnic area, lighting, restrooms, walkways, and landscaping. The Borough proposes to develop a small, regulation size soccer field at John Street Park, on the corner of Beverly Street and Lefferts Street. The proposed field will be the first soccer field in Carteret Borough. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

New Brunswick City

New Brunswick Landing

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\$ 500,000 Loan Award

\$ 100,000 Matching Grant Award

\$ 600,000 Total

Urban Aid Development

Old Bridge Township

Cedar Ridge II Acquisition

The Township of Old Bridge acquired 200 acres to preserve as open space on Higgins and Ticetown roads and Route 516. The tract, which is known as Woodland Trails, was slated for a very intense housing development. The property is a gently rolling woodland with mature trees and excellent soils. Its location, adjacent to the Township-owned Geick Park and Township Board of Education Athletic Complex and schools, provides a unique opportunity to create a major contiguous park stretching from Route 516 to Ticetown Road. Plans include amenities that would support a planned greenway, including pedestrian and bicycle trails. The Township is using Green Acres grant funding and Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program to finance the acquisition.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Perth Amboy City

Willow Pond Park

Perth Amboy City proposes improvements to Willow Pond Park to increase public access, ensure public safety, and expand recreational opportunities at the site. The proposed design for Willow Pond includes a new boardwalk, footbridge, floating deck, and fishing/skating deck. New pond aerators and a cleanup vessel will enhance the water quality of the pond and associated wetlands. Other proposed park improvements include fencing, a picnic area, covered seating area, storage building, landscaping, and playground and walking upgrades.

\$ 190,000 Loan Award

\$ 410,000 Matching Grant Award

\$ 600,000 Total

Urban Aid Development

Piscataway Township

Piscataway Open Space Acquisition

The plan includes the acquisition of the last large contiguous open space in the Township, which will serve to expand the existing Ambrose-Doty's Brook Park. The total area of the planned acquisition is more than 137 acres. The initial and short-term plans for the sites include demolition and removal of structures found not to be suitable for future use and a general cleanup of the property. The long-term plans for the sites include creating paths and trails for both walking and biking and creating open space play areas for multiple uses, including soccer fields. The goal is to create a predominately passive park and to conserve open space.

\$450,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

South Amboy City

Open Space Acquisition

This project involves acquisition of 30 acres to be dedicated as open space in an area of the city which has only one park with a playground. The land is vacant and current zoning permits residential construction. The property is located in the Northern Waterfront Redevelopment Area, a short walking distance to Raritan Bay. The properties fronting the Bay are the subject of major redevelopment activities in the city.

\$ 450,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Woodbridge Township

Ferry Street & Riverwalk Park

Woodbridge Township seeks additional funding for improvements to and connections between its Ferry Street and Riverwalk Parks. Proposed improvements at Ferry Street Park include construction and rehabilitation of basketball and tennis courts and a playground, expanded parking, and lighting. Stairs connecting the boat launch to the beach and river below, terraced stairs along the riverwalk on Cliff Road, an extension of the riverwalk, and a boardwalk/walkway along the beach are also planned. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

\$ 350,000 Loan Award

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award

\$ 600,000 Total

Urban Aid Development

Woodbridge Twp

Sewaren Marina Park 2

The Township of Woodbridge will continue its renovation and expansion of the Sewaren Marina Waterfront Park on Cliff Road. The first phase of this development project received Green Acres funds as well. As part of this comprehensive project, the township will dredge Smith Creek, replace docks and construct main docks along the peninsula, install bulkheading, replace and install pilings for over 200 boat slips, improve parking and access, and create lighted walkways and boardwalks with benches, all of which will invite the public to better participate in - or just watch - a variety of waterfront activities. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

\$ 100,000 Loan Award

\$ 100,000 Matching Grant Award

\$ 200,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Monmouth County

Belmar Borough

Shark River Bay Community Sailing Center

The scope of the Shark River Bay Community Sailing Center project, a joint effort by the Borough and the Friends of Belmar Harbor (FOBH), includes removing the existing, antiquated restroom/utility/storage building at the southeast corner of the bayfront Maclearie Park, a Green Acres funded site, and replacing it with a 6,000 square foot, two-story, mixed use structure comprised of restrooms and showers, a workshop for boat and sail repair, a boat storage area, a sail loft, offices/meeting rooms and a food concession stand. The facility will require ancillary features, including 40 paved parking spaces and an overflow 10 crushed seashell spaces, sidewalks, pavers, and landscaping.

\$ 74,840 Loan Award

\$ 375,160 Matching Grant Award

\$ 450,000 Total

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Park Development

Freehold Township

Opatut Park Development

Freehold Township would like to develop Opatut Park, a 130 acre site on East Freehold Road and Marlboro Road (Route 79). This park, which will offer both active and passive recreational opportunities, will serve the northern side of the rapidly developing township. Construction will take place in phases, and will include athletic fields, trails, concession/storage buildings, landscaping, and parking.

\$ 300,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Marlboro Township

Marlboro Township Park Phase II

Marlboro Township proposes to configure and upgrade two existing 310'x210' soccer fields and add four new 220'x150' soccer fields; provide sport field lighting for the 4 new fields; replace the irrigation system with an irrigation well; construct an emergency access road from the middle school parking lot to the soccer fields; provide additional parking; construct a pavilion with picnic tables, a walking/jogging pathway, a restroom/concession building and several sitting areas; enhance a pond for passive recreational use; and install landscaping.

\$ 50,000 Matching Grant Award

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Park Development

Neptune Township

Open Space Acquisition

The Township of Neptune identified the site of the former Bradley Park School for transformation into a neighborhood park. The Township committed to acquiring the land and demolishing the building. The completed project will address critical environmental, recreational and general quality of life issues for a significant area of Neptune and surrounding communities. In addition, the project allows the Township to remove the eyesore of the school which has sat vacant for over 17 years. Green Acres funding was previously approved for this acquisition, and park development funding also has been awarded.

\$ 25,000 Loan Award

\$ 75,000 Matching Grant Award

\$ 100,000 Total

Urban Aid Acquisition

Neptune Township

South Riverside Drive Waterfront Acquisition

The Township of Neptune plans to acquire multiple parcels totaling approximately 8 acres along Riverside Drive on the Shark River. The land is being acquired for conservation, shoreline stabilization, flood control and environmental measures. Acquisition of the land will help protect the water resources of the Shark River.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Spring Lake Heights Borough

Fletcher Property Acquisition

Spring Lake Heights Borough seeks to acquire one of the few remaining large lots in this small municipality (1.5 square miles and 5,200+/- residents). The lot is adjacent to the existing Allaire Road Park and will allow for both wildlife conservation and expansion of recreational facilities. The property, located in a densely developed area, is both wooded and open. Adjacent to one of the Borough's few recreational areas, the acquisition of this property will lead to needed expansion of recreational opportunities in the borough.

\$ 300,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

Morris County

Chester Borough

Chester Open Space Acquisition

Chester Borough plans to acquire a series of sites. The first is a 50-acre unimproved portion of the Larrison's Turkey Farm (restaurant) tract for passive open space and limited active recreation purposes. The area to be acquired includes frontage on County Route 513 (West Main Street), but excludes frontage on Route 206, which is already developed with a restaurant, gift shop, a dwelling, barns, and a garage. Access to the acquired land would be via easement from West Main Street. This site is heavily wooded and includes gently sloping to level lands, along with steep slope and wetland areas with federally threatened and endangered species present. The site would be primarily suitable for passive open space and limited active recreational facilities development.

The Borough has also identified the Lucent tract for acquisition. This large scale acquisition project would involve neighboring municipalities and various nonprofit partners.

\$ 300,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

Riverdale Borough

Van Ness House Acquisition

The Borough seeks to purchase the 6 acre Van Ness property. The historic home dates to about 1850, with adjoining barn, overgrown apple orchard, country store and former slave quarters still present. There is 797 feet of trout production stream on the property. The site is in the 100 year floodplain of the Pequannock River, a C-1 river. The site is located along the Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike, one of New Jersey's earliest historic roads. It previously stood across the road from an

associated gristmill, which burned in the 1980's and has been turned into Appel Park, a municipal park along the Pequannock River.

\$ 75,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

Ocean County

Brick Twp

Multi Park Development

Brick Township seeks funding to renovate five township parks in an effort to provide close to home recreation opportunities and facilities for the community and enhance the overall use of the parks.

(1) At Bernard J. Cooke Memorial Field (6.65 acres), the township seeks to improve grading and drainage up upgrade the irrigation system. Improved walkways, landscaping, and parking as well as repositioned basketball and tennis courts are also included.

(2) Frede Park(.91 acres) will be converted to a passive recreation area. Game courts will be replaced by a new field and landscaping buffer. The relocated playground area will get swings and new, safer equipment. Lighting and fencing are also included.

(3) At Arrowhead Memorial (2.36), the existing t-ball field will be reconfigured and a multi purpose field will be installed for soccer and lacrosse. The park also needs improved irrigation, grading, landscaping, lighting, and fencing.

(4) At Drum Point (30.5), the playing surface on the football field will be upgraded to turf in an effort to extend play and improve storm drainage. The new surface will also allow for multi sport play like field hockey, soccer, and lacrosse.

(5) At Angela Hibbard, the softball field will be regraded and used as a field for soccer and lacrosse. Improvements also include an automatic irrigation system, landscaping, and better drainage. Parking, tennis, and basketball areas will be relocated and new playground equipment will be installed.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Point Pleasant Borough

Riverfront Park Development

The Borough of Point Pleasant proposes to develop 6.69 acres of land on River Road to create a new recreational park. Improvements include a multipurpose field, basketball court, Bocce court, horseshoe pits, beach volleyball court, two play units, walking path, picnic tables, bicycle racks, parking area and community center building with support facilities.

\$ 203,000 Loan Award

\$ 247,000 Matching Grant Award

\$ 450,000 Total

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Park Development

Passaic County

Passaic County

Garret Mountain Park- Barbour Pond Restoration

Passaic County proposes to improve Barbour Pond, located in the Garret Mountain Reservation in West Paterson. The Barbour Pond restoration includes renovation of the Boathouse, dredging and aeration of the pond, and drainage improvements within the grassy area in front of the boathouse, which will be set up as a temporary skating rink area. It will also involve reconstruction of the gazebo and pergolas, planting of flowering trees, a parking lot, and trail improvements.

\$ 62,500 Loan Award

\$ 62,500 Matching Grant Award

\$ 125,000 Total

Urban Aid Development

Clifton City

Latteri Park Acquisition

Clifton City is proposing to acquire an 8-acre parcel located in the Rosemawr section of the city on Allwood Place and Hampton Road. The site is currently owned by the Board of Education. Faced with a shortage of open space, the City would like to purchase the parcel to permanently preserve it as a park for the enjoyment of its residents.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Clifton City

Schultheis Park Acquisition

The City of Clifton is seeking funding assistance toward the purchase of a 5.3 acre property known as Schultheis farm, located along Grove Street. Community supported agriculture is being considered as the future use of this site. As a municipality with an open space deficit, the City hopes to preserve all of the remaining farms as open space.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Paterson City

ATP Site/ Overlook Park

The City of Paterson proposes to construct a riverwalk on the banks of the Passaic River, at the former Allied Textile Printing Site (ATP Site) in Paterson's Great Falls Landmark Historic District. The redevelopment of the seven acre ATP site has been a major objective in the Landmark District, and a focused effort of the National Park Service's Urban History Initiative. The ATP Site Riverwalk at Paterson, a component of the redevelopment plan, will be open to the public for pedestrian usage including walking, jogging, bicyclists, and nature observers who want to enjoy the river and wetland ecosystem associated with the Passaic River Corridor. This riverwalk will connect to the existing pedestrian network at the base of Overlook Park directly opposite the Great Falls. The Great Falls Historic District was entered on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970, and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976 for its nationally significant role in the history of engineering and industrial development. In addition, the Great Falls has been designated a Natural Landmark by the National Park Service.

\$ 530,630 Loan Award

Urban Aid Development

Paterson City

Restoration and Revitalization of Pennington Park

Paterson City, in cooperation with the Passaic River Coalition, plans to restore Pennington Park, located in the Second Ward of the City. The project will include renovating existing athletic fields, re-establishing recreational boating on a portion of the Passaic River and re-landscaping the riverfront along the pedestrian pathway.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Pompton Lakes Borough

Feinbloom and Sherman Acquisition

The Borough of Pompton Lakes seeks to preserve approximately 25 acres of wooded and meadow area adjacent to a complex river system. This project will protect the quality of nearby waters, wildlife and the quality of life of residents in the entire region. The land lies within the 100-year flood zone and contains frontage on the Pequannock River, and would allow access to the river for canoes and kayaks. The project is adjacent to State-owned land and Township open space.

\$ 300,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

Union County

Linden City

Hawk Rise Environmental Walkway

The City of Linden proposes to develop the 95.65 acre Hawk Rise Conservation Area. The proposed project entails the construction of an elevated, low impact boardwalk and viewing platforms throughout the preserve. The observation/viewing platforms will allow visitors to see and enjoy the panoramic view of the Rahway River, the freshwater and salt marsh wetlands; the mature deciduous forest; and the resident and migratory wildlife population. If approved, the Hawk Rise site and the walkway will become a destination attraction that will serve not only the City of Linden or Union County, but rather the entire metropolitan area.

\$ 325,000 Loan Award

\$ 125,000 Matching Grant Award

\$ 450,000 Total

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Park Development

Warren County

Greenwich Township

Greenwich Recreation Complex

Greenwich Township is seeking additional funding to construct a recreation complex, including athletic fields, support structures, playground, picnic area, parking, and passive recreation trails on a 91 acre tract along Greenwich Street. Green Acres previously provided funding assistance for the acquisition of this site, and Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this park development project.

\$ 300,000 Loan Award

Park Development

PLANNING INCENTIVE PROJECTS

Local governments realize that open space preservation is an integral component of community planning. Open space preservation enhances the quality of life within a community, protects natural resources, provides opportunities for outdoor recreation, and helps communities avoid the excessive service costs associated with poorly planned sprawl development. By preserving open space, communities help channel development to appropriate areas, thereby fostering economic growth that is compatible with community character. Similar to other important investments a community makes to provide public infrastructure, such as roads and schools, it makes sense to ensure that fiscal resources are set aside for preservation of open space. Local governments have turned to a dedicated open space tax as a way to fund their land preservation programs.

Many local governments that have an open space tax have prepared an Open Space and Recreation Plan to guide the expenditure of these funds. In order to provide continued support to these local governments for their progressive open space policies, Green Acres initiated a grant-funding category for land acquisition, the Planning Incentive.

The advantage of the Planning Incentive is that once Green Acres approves the Plan, the local government can acquire those identified sites without having to file separate, site-specific applications. Funding may be increased as the local government makes significant progress in its acquisition efforts. The Planning Incentive Category has encouraged many municipalities to seek an open space tax in order to be eligible for the favorable grant funding and flexible procedures.

Currently, all of New Jersey's 21 counties and 217 municipalities (of 566, or 38%) have enacted an open space tax. The following local governments have been approved for an initial offering or additional funding, to accomplish their land preservation efforts. The awards are in the form of a 50% matching grant.

PLANNING INCENTIVE AWARDS

+ indicates Densely/Highly Populated

* indicates Urban Aid Municipality

**Matching Grant
Award**

Atlantic County

Atlantic County	Atlantic County Open Space Acq.	\$ 600,000
Port Republic City	Clarks Mills Pond Acq.	\$ 110,000

Bergen County

Cresskill Borough	Cresskill Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Fair Lawn Borough+	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 450,000
Franklin Lakes Borough	Woodside Avenue	\$ 300,000
Montvale Borough	Park Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Park Ridge Borough	Open Space Plan	\$ 66,000

Burlington County

Burlington County	Planning Incentive	\$ 600,000
Bordentown Township	Bordentown Twp. Open Space Acq.	\$ 300,000
Delran Township	Open Space & Rec. Plan	\$ 300,000
Eastampton Township	Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000
Evesham Township+	Planning Incentive	\$ 450,000
Hainesport Township	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 35,630
Moorestown Township	Open Space Preservation Plan	\$ 300,000

Mount Laurel Township+	Mt. Laurel Acquisition Plan	\$ 450,000
Westampton Township	Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000

Camden County

Camden County+	Open Space Plan	\$ 750,000
Cherry Hill Township+	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 450,000
Clementon Borough	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 300,000

Essex County

Livingston Township	Livingston Township Open Space	\$ 300,000
West Orange Township+	West Orange Township Open Space	\$ 450,000

Gloucester County

Gloucester County	Open Space Plan	\$ 600,000
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Hudson County

Hudson County*	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 900,000
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Hunterdon County

Delaware Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
High Bridge Borough	Open Space Plan	\$ 300,000
Readington Township	Greenway Incentive Plan	\$ 300,000
Tewksbury Township	Recreation And Open Space Plan	\$ 300,000
Union Township	Union Township Open Space Plan	\$ 300,000

Mercer County

Mercer County+	Mercer County Planning Incentive	\$ 750,000
East Windsor Township	East Windsor Open Space Acq.	\$ 300,000
Hamilton Township+	Hamilton Township Open Space	\$ 450,000
Hopewell Township	Hopewell Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Lawrence Township	Open Space Plan Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Princeton Township	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
West Windsor Township	West Windsor Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000

Middlesex County

Cranbury Township	Cranbury Township Acquisition	\$ 50,000
East Brunswick Township+	Open Space Plan	\$ 450,000
North Brunswick Township+	North Brunswick Plan	\$ 450,000
Plainsboro Township	Plainsboro Preservation Acquisition	\$ 50,000
South Brunswick Township+	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 450,000

Monmouth County

Monmouth County+	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$ 750,000
Atlantic Highlands Borough	Atlantic Highlands Boro. Open Space	\$ 300,000
Colts Neck Township	Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000
Holmdel Township	Holmdel Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Little Silver Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 200,000
Manasquan Borough	Manasquan Boro. Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Millstone Township	Millstone Planning Incentive Project	\$ 300,000
Ocean Township	Ocean Twp. Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000
Upper Freehold Township	Upper Freehold Open Space Acq-2000	\$ 300,000

Morris County

Boonton Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Chatham Township	Chatham Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Chester Township	Chester Twp. Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
East Hanover Township	East Hanover Twp Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000
Florham Park Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Hanover Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Harding Township	Harding Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Kinnelon Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Mendham Township	Mendham Township Open Space Acq.	\$ 300,000
Montville Township	Montville Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Morris Township	Morris Twp. Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Mount Olive Township	Mt. Olive Greenway Acquisition.	\$ 300,000
Parsippany-Troy Hills Township+	Parsippany-Troy Hills Open Space Acq.	\$ 450,000
Pequannock Township	Planning Incentive	\$ 200,000
Randolph Township	Randolph Acquisition Program	\$ 300,000
Roxbury Township	Roxbury Open Space Plan	\$ 300,000

Ocean County

Ocean County	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 600,000
Barnegat Township	Planning Incentive	\$ 250,000
Berkeley Township+	Planning Incentive	\$ 450,000
Brick Township*	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 600,000
Dover Township+	Open Space And Recreation Plan	\$ 450,000

Jackson Township+	Open Space Acquisition Plan	\$ 450,000
Manchester Township+	Planning Incentive	\$ 450,000
Ocean Township	Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000
Stafford Township	Planning Incentive Program	\$ 232,775

Passaic County

Passaic County+	Open Space Plan Acquisitions	\$ 750,000
Ringwood Borough	Ringwood Borough Open Space Acq.	\$ 300,000
Wayne Township+	Wayne Open Space Acquisition	\$ 450,000

Salem County

Pilesgrove Township	Pilesgrove Township Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000
Pittsgrove Township	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 300,000

Somerset County

Somerset County	County Open Space Acquisition	\$ 600,000
Bedminster Township	Bedminster Parks Expansion	\$ 300,000
Montgomery Township	Open Space Acquisition 5	\$ 300,000
Peapack-Gladstone Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000

Sussex County

Lafayette Township	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 300,000
Stillwater Township	Stillwater Open Space Plan	\$ 300,000

Union County

Union County*	Union County Open Space & Recreation	\$ 900,000
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Warren County

Franklin Township	Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000
Frelinghuysen Township	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 300,000
Harmony Township	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 300,000
Pohatcong Township	Pohatcong Township Acquisition	\$ 112,500

Nonprofit Projects

Canal Society of New Jersey

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Morris Canal Greenway

County: Morris and Sussex

The Morris Canal Greenway is a proposed recreational trail and greenway corridor that will extend along the historic Morris Canal through Hackettstown, Saxton Falls, Waterloo, Stanhope, Port Morris, Shippensport, Ledgewood and Kenvil. Most of the greenway corridor parallels the Musconetcong River and will link Stephens State Park, Saxton Falls, Allamuchy Mountain State Park, Waterloo Village, Lake Musconetcong State Park and Hopatcong State Park. The land is vacant. Over the short term, it will be used for passive recreation, and environmental and historic preservation. The long-term use will add the development of interpretive trails. The primary area of land preservation focus is in Roxbury Township, Mount Olive Township, Denville Township, Montville Township, and Stanhope Borough.

Cooper's Ferry Development Association, Inc.

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Waterfront Park Enhancement

County: Camden

The Waterfront Enhancement project will build upon the existing open space on the Camden Waterfront and complete the transformation of this formerly industrial vacant land into a recreation facility and scenic corridor. This project will bulkhead the last remaining pier along the waterfront, completing a 1.5 mile trail along the river. The final phase will include pedestrian areas, marina facilities, landscaping, and promenade improvements. This magnificent open space will continue to support the development of nearby cultural, educational, and entertainment attractions.

D&R Greenway Land Trust

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Greenway Acquisitions

**Counties: Burlington
Hunterdon, Mercer,
Middlesex, Monmouth,
Somerset**

D&R Greenway Land Trust seeks funding to acquire lands throughout the Delaware and Raritan Greenway Watershed. The acquisitions will create contiguous preserved lands that protect water quality, other significant natural resources and critical habitat. Projects include:

Central Stony Brook Greenway Acquisition

D&R Greenway Land Trust seeks to complete central New Jersey's most established greenway by acquiring approximately 1,302 acres of land in Mercer and Hunterdon counties. The Stony Brook extends from its headwaters in the Sourland Mountain in East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County through Hopewell Township, Mercer County and populated communities in Lawrence and Princeton Township. The proposed acquisitions will link existing preserved lands, enhance biodiversity and critical habitat for migratory birds that require large uninterrupted woodlands, and create a system of interconnected open spaces and trails.

Delaware River Tributaries Acquisition

D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to extend ongoing preservation initiatives associated with the Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape area in Mercer, Monmouth and Hunterdon Counties. Extending along the Assunpink Creek, the project is intended to link Howell Living History Farm, Baldpate Mountain, Washington Crossing State Park, and the internationally recognized Hamilton/Trenton Marsh. The proposed acquisitions will serve to create contiguous lands that protect critical habitat; protect water quality by buffering the Delaware River, Assunpink Creek, and other tributaries of the Delaware; and provide recreational opportunities in

furtherance of a regional county-wide trail network, involving State, county and local governments.

Griggstown Acquisitions

D & R Greenway seeks to expand and connect the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park with Six Mile Run, Hutcheson Forest and other public open space in Franklin Township, Somerset County. The properties will be protected through fee simple purchase or conservation easements. The land and easements may be transferred to the State, county or township as appropriate. Purchased land may become part of the D & R Canal State Park to be used for passive recreation (including hiking, nature study, picnics, and fishing); grassland bird habitat protection; and research by Rutgers University.

Sourlands Mountain Acquisition

Expanding on the Sourland Mountain Preserve Initiative, D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to acquire approximately 1,206 acres of land in the Sourlands Mountain extending through Hopewell Township, Mercer County and East and West Amwell townships, Hunterdon County to the Somerset County border in Montgomery and Hillsborough Townships. The acquisition will expand existing preserved lands in all three counties and create a regional trail network.

In conjunction with the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance and West Amwell Township, D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to acquire approximately 1,844 acres of land associated with the Sourlands Mountain. The project area includes the mountain ridge between the Alexaukin and Moore's Creek stream corridors and will serve as a critical connector to the Crossroads to the American Revolution landscape area. This initiative is a component of a larger regional planning incentive area encompassing Mercer and Hunterdon counties. The acquisition area will concentrate in West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County and expand existing preserved lands to create a regional network of trails in both counties.

Upper Millstone Greenway

D&R Greenway Land Trust plans to participate in the state's Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape project initiative by preserving land to create an east-west link along the Upper Millstone Greenway. The project area runs from Mercer County through Plainsboro and

Cranbury Townships toward Monmouth Battlefield State Park and the border of Middlesex County. The project goal is to preserve stream buffers, floodplains, wildlife habitat, migration corridors, wetlands, and woodlands. D & R Greenway's stream corridor protection plans in this project complement the extensive and successful farmland preservation efforts in West Windsor, Plainsboro, and Cranbury Townships. The long-term project goal is to assist Middlesex County in its effort to establish a public walkway and bikeway system along a preserved greenway and to establish a regional link across central New Jersey.

Eagle Rock Conservancy, Inc.

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Eagle Rock Reservation

County: Essex

The Eagle Rock Conservancy proposes rehabilitation of the beautiful and historic Eagle Rock Reservation in which is owned by Essex County and located in West Orange Township. The Conservancy proposes to repair bridges and culverts; rehabilitate existing restroom, shelter, and maintenance buildings, retaining walls, trails, and equestrian paths; add pedestrian/safety lighting; install trail and park signage; restore meadows; and refurbish landscaping. By undertaking these improvements, the Conservancy hopes to prevent further deterioration of the Reservation and ensure that it will continue to provide a safe place for recreation and access to the natural world.

East Windsor Green Space, Inc.

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Millstone River ~ Rocky Brook Acquisition

County: Mercer

East Windsor Green Space, Inc. proposes to acquire 122 acres of land that is designed to preserve the stream corridor along the Millstone River and its tributary, the Rocky Brook. The site is currently wooded and undisturbed and will be left predominately in its natural state with associated trails for hiking, nature study and fishing. This is a cooperative project proposal with the Township of East Windsor.

Friends Of Essex County Parks

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

South Mountain Reservation

County: Essex

The Friends of Essex County Parks, in collaboration with Essex County, proposes continued improvements at South Mountain Reservation, which is located in the Townships of West Orange, South Orange, Maplewood and Millburn. The project includes extensive tree planting, restoration of the meadows, reconstruction of damaged trails and replacement of culverts.

Friends Of Hopewell Valley Open Space

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Hopewell Valley Park Acquisition

County: Mercer

The Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space (FOHVOS) is committed to preserving land throughout Hopewell Township in Mercer County to create the Hopewell Valley Park, a regional recreation park system throughout the Township. The park system will serve as an ecological preserve and provide opportunities for passive recreation, such as hiking, bird watching and nature study. A system of trails will be developed.

Friends of Princeton Open Space

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Millstone River Watershed

County: Mercer

Several properties are proposed for preservation under this project, including the Stony Brook Woods site, a 25-acre wooded parcel with substantial frontage on the Stony Brook. Another property is the 18-acre Carnegie Lake Access site, which is the only lakefront open space parcel remaining on historic Lake Carnegie. Preservation of this site will be through a conservation easement which will create a proposed community park. In addition, the preservation of the Roth and Tusculum properties will conserve another 53 acres of valuable wooded wetlands and pasture, adding significantly to land already preserved. The Friends of Princeton Open Space intends to assist the Township of Princeton with any additional parcels as listed in Princeton Township's Open Space Plan.

Friends of the Belmar Harbor, Inc.

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Shark River Bay Community

County: Monmouth

The Friends of the Belmar Harbor will work with Belmar Borough to improve a bayfront site for boating. The site is owned by the Borough of Belmar and leased to the Friends of the Belmar Harbor. The joint effort includes removing the existing, antiquated restroom/utility/storage building at the southeast corner of the Maclearie Park, a Green Acres funded site, and replacing it with a 6,000 square foot, two-story, mixed use structure comprised of restrooms and showers, a workshop for boat and sail repair, a boat storage area, a sail loft, offices/meeting rooms and a food concession stand. The facility will require ancillary features, including 40 paved parking spaces and an overflow 10 crushed seashell spaces, sidewalks, pavers and shade trees and shrubs.

Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc.

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Open Space Acquisition

County: Bergen

Hackensack Riverkeeper is a community based environmental conservation organization which focuses on the protection and rehabilitation of the Hackensack River watershed, a comprehensive natural resource for the entire metropolitan region. The Riverkeeper hopes to work in partnership with the Bergen County Parks Department to acquire and protect lands in both the Hackensack and Passaic River Corridors. These two river corridors are home to over 80 species of fish and marine invertebrates and nesting habitat to more than 65 species of birds and have important water resource protection implications for over 1.5 million people.

The Hackensack Riverkeeper emphasizes the critical role that the preservation of open space, wetlands, marshland and riparian forests plays in protecting and restoring this fragile ecosystem. They also highlight the need for environmental awareness, community involvement and environmental stewardship to ensuring the successfully restoration and maintenance of this treasure.

Harding Land Trust

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Open Spaces & Natural Places of Harding Township

County: Morris

The Harding Land Trust is committed to the protection of lands in Harding Township that border waterways, contribute to the rural character of the area, or are adjacent to preserved open space. The integrity of the Township's water resources is vital to the water quality of the Great Swamp. Many of Harding's stream corridors are forested and buffer the waterways, helping to protect water quality and provide wildlife habitat. The preservation of these lands through fee and easement acquisition will ensure these benefits for the future.

Sweeping agricultural fields are still found throughout Harding Township, and contribute significantly to the area's rural character and general beauty. Preservation of these areas will provide the additional benefit of wildlife habitat. The endangered bog turtle is just one species found in Harding that thrives in the open landscape that Harding Land Trust is targeting for preservation.

Parcels adjacent to the Great Swamp and Jockey Hollow are high priority for preservation efforts. There are also numerous other preserved parcels throughout Harding, owned or restricted by local government or nonprofits. Lands adjacent to these parcels are a high priority for protection.

Helping People Help Themselves

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Open Space Acquisition

County: Passaic

Helping People Help Themselves is seeking to acquire a site which will be used as a camp for disadvantaged urban children who may have used only paved lots for outdoor recreation. Property acquired will allow the children to be exposed to a more natural setting for recreation. The site will be developed with multi-use trails, off-road vehicle trails, fishing areas if water is available, and a camping area.

Hunterdon County Education Foundation

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Alexandria Equestrian Facility

County: Hunterdon

Hunterdon County Education Foundation seeks to acquire property in Alexandria Township in order to continue the County Educational Services Commission's (ESC) Therapeutic Riding Program. The facility will provide accessibility for all of the ESC special education students, special needs individuals, in addition to being open to the general public interested in outdoor riding facilities. It is the Foundation's intent to maintain and use the property as it presently exists.

Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Hunterdon Open Space

County: Hunterdon

The Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance, in partnership with others, plans to acquire lands within the Delaware River watershed and its associated tributaries, as well as lands within the Hunterdon plateau, totaling more than 350 acres.

Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance (HLTA) seeks funding to continue its preservation efforts throughout the County, to protect rural agricultural landscapes and forests, enhance biodiversity, and provide water quality protection. The organization has ongoing initiatives in the Musconetcong Mountains, identified as a critical treasure of the NJ Highlands Region; the Sourland Mountains Region, which encompasses a vast forested plateau extending through East and West Amwell to the County border and having a profound effect on groundwater quality; and the Delaware River Bluffs, which extend along the western boundary of the entire County and are comprised of ancient geological features, endangered plant species and which filter many Delaware River tributaries.

Ironbound Community Corporation

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Riverfront Property Acquisition

County: Essex

The Ironbound Community Corporation, in partnership with the County of Essex, plans to acquire a parcel located between Raymond Boulevard and the Passaic River. The acquisition will provide recreational opportunities and access to the Passaic River for the densely populated Ironbound community in Newark City. Future plans include revitalizing the property to be a waterfront park that will become part of Essex County's park system.

Isles Inc.

\$ 170,750 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Perry St. Children's Garden/ Roberto Clemente Park

County: Mercer

Redesign of the Perry Street Children's Garden at Roberto Clemente Park will dramatically improve an important gateway to the City for residents and commuters. The created outdoor classroom for children will emphasize sustainable living, provide an opportunity for community planning, and enhance ongoing neighborhood development. The peaceful green oasis will provide much needed recreation space for the 600 youth in the Old Trenton neighborhood and will be enjoyed by all ages of the public.

The finished project will include such areas of active recreation as basketball courts, playground equipment, a children's garden, and upgraded pool area. Passive recreation will include picnic areas with grills, checker/chess tables, areas for environmental education and after school programs, and space for outdoor drama, music, and poetry.

Lamington Conservancy

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Central Lamington Project

County: Morris

The project area consists of 28,396 acres of the Lamington River drainage located within Somerset, Morris, and Hunterdon counties. Lamington Conservancy plans to work closely with partner nonprofits and governments in identifying and targeting acquisitions that interlock with other preservation projects. Within the target area of Tewksbury, Chester Township, Washington Township (Morris), Bedminster Township, and Peapack-Gladstone Borough, the Lamington Conservancy anticipates protecting 2,000 acres through fee and easement acquisition.

Lawrence Township Conservation Foundation

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Lawrence Township Watershed

County: Mercer

The Lawrence Township Conservation Foundation is working together with the Township of Lawrence to support and complement the Township's Open Space Acquisition Plan by assisting in the preservation of significant remaining open space in the municipality. Priority projects target preservation and protection of the Stony Brook, Assunpink, Shabakunk, and Shipetaukin Creek Greenways, which also serve as connectors between existing public recreational parks and recreation areas. Two of these properties, which currently have opportunities for preservation, include a 16-acre tract adjacent to Terhune Orchards that forms part of the headwaters of the Shipetaukin Creek, and a 41-acre tract centrally located in Lawrence Township that would increase the existing Township-owned Central Park by approximately 40 percent.

Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Lincoln Park/Coast Cultural Revitalization Greenway

County: Essex

The Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District has applied for funding to create a new park in the Arts and Government District of Newark City. The site is located on Broad Street near West Kinney Street, and across the street from Lincoln Park. An historic church façade, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972, will be restored as a gateway to the park. The park will provide a restful haven for this densely populated area of the City. Monmouth Conservation Foundation

Monmouth Conservation Foundation

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Open Space Plans 2

County: Monmouth

Monmouth Conservation Foundation works in partnership with Monmouth County and those municipalities which have passed open space referenda: Borough of Atlantic Highlands, Colts Neck Township, Freehold Township, Howell Township, Holmdel Township, Manalapan Township, Manasquan Borough, Middletown Township, Millstone Township, Oceanport Borough, Shrewsbury Borough, Spring Lake Heights, Tinton Falls Borough, and Upper Freehold Township.

Areas of focus are: 1) farmlands and conservation areas of the Monmouth County Panhandle region (Millstone and Upper Freehold) and 2) the Navesink River and Atlantic Highlands areas in Middletown Township. Some of Monmouth Conservation Foundation's recent preservation efforts are focused on sites adjacent to Monmouth County Huber Woods and Hartshorne Woods Parks in Middletown Township, and Clayton Park and Crosswicks Creek linear parks in Upper Freehold Township.

Montclair Grass Roots, Inc.

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Glenfield Park Improvements

County: Essex

Montclair Grass Roots, Inc., in collaboration with Essex County, plans continued improvements at Glenfield Park, which is bordered by Maple, Woodland, and Bloomfield Avenues in Montclair and Glen Ridge Townships. The plans call for the regrading and resurfacing of the softball fields and the regrading of the football field. The old fitness course will be removed and new fitness stations will be installed throughout the perimeter path. The irrigation system will be improved, a new gazebo constructed, and missing fencing will be replaced. The request also includes dredging, repairing of channel walls, and replacement of historic balustrade at The Glen. Eroded slopes will be replanted, safety railings added, and a lighted, paved path will be installed.

Morris Land Conservancy

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Priority Areas Acq

**County: Bergen, Essex,
Morris, Passaic, Somerset,
Sussex, Warren**

Morris Land Conservancy has been working with numerous municipalities to prepare open space plans. As the towns have prepared their plans, the Conservancy has added these towns into their project scope, in order to participate in co-operative acquisition projects. The Conservancy has an extensive list of future projects, with a special focus on protecting wildlife habitat and preserving land in the Highlands, and in the Passaic River wetlands areas.

Within the Highlands, the Conservancy is working closely with the State to expand existing wildlife management areas and state parks, and with municipal partners to connect and expand local parks. The proposed Troy Meadows acquisition is a co-operative project with Army Corps and the State of New Jersey to acquire property as part of the Preservation of Natural Flood Storage Areas element of the Passaic River Flood Damage Reduction project.

Natural Lands Trust, Inc

\$ 115,500 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Peek Preserve Visitors Center

County: Cumberland

The Natural Lands Trust proposes to construct a Visitors Center for the Peek Preserve in Millville City, Cumberland County. This visitors center will provide storage for NLT's fleet of six canoes and 12 kayaks, which are being used for trips on the Maurice River and other nearby waterways. Additionally, a small conference room with a view of the river and a connected observation deck will facilitate small indoor and larger outdoor meetings and wildlife observation experiences.

New Jersey Conservation Foundation

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Priority Area Acquisitions

**County: Atlantic, Burlington,
Camden, Hunterdon, Mercer,
Middlesex, Morris, Ocean,
Passaic, Salem, Somerset,
Sussex, Union, Warren**

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation has successfully established itself throughout the State with specific regional managers in five regions: Highlands, Western Piedmont, Pine Barrens, Delaware Bay, and South Jersey Metropolitan area. In continuance of its far reaching preservation efforts, NJCF will add Andover Township in Sussex County into its Highlands Region Project Area in order to facilitate the acquisition of tracts associated with the State's 2006 Federal Forest Legacy Grant award. In addition, NJCF has expanded the Delaware Bay project area to include Elsinboro, Pennsville, Mannington, Pilesgrove, Upper Pittsgrove, and Pittsgrove Township, all in Salem County, an area experiencing a sudden increase in development pressure. The NJCF is now facilitating land acquisition projects through the deployment of staff in all five regions of the State simultaneously, involving thousands of acres of New Jersey's landscape.

PROJECT AREAS:

Appalachian Trail Buffers

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation has identified lands to be protected along this world-famous corridor include properties in Sussex County.

Arthur Kill Greenway

The project is designed to protect in a connected greenway the network of streamside lands, marshland, floodplain forest and natural areas adjacent to the Arthur Kill, its tributaries and their headwaters. Despite the high population density and profusion of industrial, commercial and

residential areas in the watershed, land along the tributaries of the Arthur Kill still supports high quality natural areas and diverse wildlife.

Black River Greenway/ North Branch of the Raritan River

NJCF seeks to acquire lands along Black River and Bamboo Brook adjacent to Hacklebarney State Park. Lands may be transferred to the state or county park system for management.

Burden Hill Forest Protection Initiative

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation, in conjunction with the Natural Lands Trust ~ which is also receiving Green Acres funding ~ proposes to acquire 15,000 acres located within the Burden Hill Complex. This area consists of the largest forest in Salem County. The organizations' primary objective would be to protect the Burden Hill Forest from fragmentation. Public access to the land would include hiking on the existing trails

Camden Parks and Greenways

New Jersey Conservation Foundation, as part of its Urban Parks Program, is pursuing open space preservation opportunities in coordination with State, county, city and other nonprofit efforts. Currently, NJCF has significant efforts underway to preserve lands along the Cooper and Delaware Rivers as part of the Camden Greenway. Current preservation opportunities range from shrub/scrub, semi-natural lands to abandoned industrial sites. NJCF plans to connect existing preserved lands and city "pocket parks" to expand the Camden Greenway and Park system.

Ellwood Corridor Project:

This project provides for the protection of forest parcels connecting Cape May and the Central Pine Barrens, an important route along the Atlantic flyway for migratory birds.

Forked River Mountain Additions

Through this project, NJCF seeks to protect approximately 20,000 acres of vacant, privately owned pristine Pine Barrens, known as the Forked River Mountains. The area contains a broad representation of the major vegetation/habitats typical of the central Pine Barrens.

Four Mile Circle

The Four Mile Circle area is south of Lebanon State Forest and the New Lisbon Developmental Center, adjacent to the southeast side of Rt. 70, and straddles Sooy Road in Woodland Township. The area contains headwaters and tributaries of the Burrs Mill Brook. The entire project is located in the Pinelands and will connect public and private conservation lands.

Greater Kettle Run:

In Burlington County, thousands of upland forest acres are fast becoming a development target. The Kettle Run watershed and its associated ecosystems will be protected through the preservation of this region.

Highlands Region

This project area includes critical landscapes associated with the Musconetcong Mountain and River Valley in Hunterdon and Morris Counties, Scott's Mountain in Warren County, the Vernon Marsh in Sussex County, Arcadia Lake, Pyramid Mountain and the Pequannock Watershed land in Sussex, Morris and Passaic Counties.

Western Piedmont

Included in this area are the forested stream corridors and headwaters of the Wickecheoke Creek, the Back Brook, and the deeply forested Sourland Mountains.

North Ward Center

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Branch Brook Park Extension

County: Essex

The North Ward Center, in cooperation with other nonprofit organizations and Essex County, proposes the rehabilitation of recreational facilities of the Branch Brook Park Extension Division, located in Belleville Township. Branch Brook Park is distinguished as being the first county park open for public use in the United States and at almost 360 acres it is the largest developed park in Essex County. The proposed project will allow for the rehabilitation of athletic fields, restroom facilities, pathways, signage, lighting, fencing and such other park amenities such as benches and fountains.

Northgate Park Inc.

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Northgate Park Rehabilitation

County: Camden

For years, Northgate Park has represented the model urban park in the City of Camden, servicing the entire North Camden community. As a consequence of long overuse, the park is in dire need of restoration. The project plans include new play equipment, resurfaced basketball and other game courts, lighting, sidewalk and pathway repair, improved irrigation, landscaping, and other amenities.

NY-NJ Trail Conference

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Green Corridors

**County: Bergen, Hunterdon,
Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren**

The NY-NJ Trail Conference's Green Corridors Project is a plan to acquire lands to create green corridors and hiking trail connections between State Parks, Watershed Management Areas, Wildlife Management Areas and other public open spaces, leaving the land in its original undeveloped state. The only planned development for these areas is hiking trails to allow public use and access to the corridors and trails. This acquisition project will acquire open space lands in the municipalities of Alexandria, Holland and Bethlehem Townships in Hunterdon County; White, Mansfield, Washington, Franklin, Harmony, Hope and Liberty Townships in Warren County; Vernon, Byram and Sparta Townships in Sussex County; Ringwood, West Milford, and Wanaque in Passaic County; Jefferson, Morris, Chester, and Washington Townships in Morris County, and Mahwah Township in Bergen County

Old Pine Farm Natural Lands Trust

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Old Pine Farm Greenway

**Counties: Camden and
Gloucester**

The Old Pine Farm Natural Lands Trust proposes to acquire several parcels consisting of native hardwood uplands that slope along a creek to a wooded wetland swamp. The acquisition will further expand this beautiful Greenway along a highly developed portion of Big Timber Creek in Deptford Township, Gloucester County, and Gloucester Township, Camden County. Once acquired, these sites will serve as an environmental education area as well as provide for recreation, conservation and watershed protection for Big Timber Creek and the surrounding neighborhood.

P.A.R.K.S.

\$ 80,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Secure Park Project

County: Passaic

Paterson Affirms Restoring Kids' Safety (P.A.R.K.S.) Corporation is in the process of acquiring land in Paterson City to create a safe park space for area children and their families. Located along Ellison Street between Carroll and Summer Streets, P.A.R.K.S Corporation proposes to acquire a parcel to expand the existing park. The property is strategically located in close proximity to two schools, the public library and several churches that provide after school programs. Eventually P.A.R.K.S. would like to install a playground, gardens, and establish an open play area.

Passaic River Coalition

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Passaic River Preservation Project

**Counties: Bergen, Essex, Morris,
Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union**

The Passaic River Coalition has identified multiple priority acquisition areas throughout the Passaic River Basin. Properties to be acquired will provide watershed and water supply protection, and waterfront access.

Central Passaic Basin Protection: Acquisition of property in Essex and Morris counties within the Central Passaic Basin for headwater protection, water quality protection, flood plain protection, and wetlands protection.

Clinton Woods: Acquisition of a 42 acre property adjacent to Bearfort Mountain Natural Area and Waywayanda State Park in West Milford Township.

Greenwood Lake/Wanaque River Greenway: Acquisition of property in Passaic County for waterfront access to and protection of Greenwood Lake and the Wanaque River.

Liberty Corner Greenway/Upper Passaic River Greenway: Acquisition of wetlands and flood plain areas along the Upper Passaic River and tributaries in Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union counties for stream corridor and water quality protection.

Lower Passaic River Greenway: Targeting properties to provide waterfront access in densely populated areas in Bergen, Essex and Passaic counties.

Pequannock/Pompton Greenway: Preservation of properties in the Pequannock River Watershed in Morris and Passaic counties.

Ramapo Greenway: Acquisition of property in the Ramapo Mountain region in Bergen and Passaic counties adjacent to local and county parkland and in proximity to Ringwood State Park.

Russia Brook/Rockaway River Greenway: Acquisition of property along the Russia Brook, which is a headwater tributary of the Rockaway River, and along the Rockaway River in Morris and Sussex counties.

Saddle River Watershed: Acquisition of property within the Saddle River watershed in Bergen County, including protection of headwaters and tributaries to the Saddle River.

Upper Passaic Watershed Protection: Acquisition of property within the Upper Passaic River watershed in Morris and Somerset counties, including protection of headwaters and tributaries to the Upper Passaic.

Urban Passaic Watershed: Acquisition of properties for waterfront access in urban areas of Essex and Passaic counties.

Wyanokie Highlands: Acquisition of property between Norvin Green State Park and the Wanaque Reservoir in Passaic County. Lands acquired will provide a buffer to and linkage between the park and reservoir

Project HEAL

\$ 113,500 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Project HEAL Addition

County: Burlington

Project HEAL seeks to acquire a 10-acre site that is directly adjacent to its 40 acre camp in Evesham Township, preserved through the Green Acres Program, Burlington County, and the Trust for Public Land in 2002. The addition is a densely wooded property with wetlands and vernal pools, and is bisected by Barton Run, a tributary of the Rancocas Creek. Project HEAL plans to put a trailhead on an existing cleared area on the property, which will allow better public access to the trails that run throughout the adjacent camp property. The building on the property will provide much needed office space for Project HEAL's operations on the camp site.

Ridge and Valley Conservancy

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Open Space Conservation Plan

County: Sussex, Warren

These projects involve preserving limestone forest communities, wetland bogs, areas of contiguous forest or forest buffer areas, and prime farmland throughout Sussex and Warren counties. Proposed use is for preservation and restoration of native species, including rare plants and endangered animal species; and soil and water quality protection.

Proposed use of the sites is for natural resource protection, hiking on designated trails, environmental education programs, and natural resource interpretive activities.

Roberto Clemente League

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Branch Brook Park Extension

County: Essex

The Roberto Clemente League, in cooperation with other nonprofit organizations and Essex County, proposes the rehabilitation of recreational facilities in the Branch Brook Park Extension Division, located in Belleville Township. Branch Brook Park is distinguished as being the first county park open for public use in the United States and at almost 360 acres it is the largest developed park in Essex County. The proposed project will allow for the rehabilitation of athletic fields, restroom facilities, pathways, signage, lighting, fencing and other park amenities such as benches and fountains.

Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Inc.

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition) (Park

Schiff-Mount Paul Greenway

County: Morris

Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Inc. is a nonprofit dedicated to the preservation of natural resources, environmental education and the stewardship of the natural environment.

The Trust owns and operates the Schiff Nature Preserve in Chester Township, Mendham Township, and Mendham Borough. The Schiff Nature Preserve is part of a regional greenway known as the Mount Paul County Park Greenway. This greenway connects Mount Paul County Park, the Burnett Brook Natural Area, and the Ralston Historic, Recreation and Natural Area to Schiff's 340-acre nature preserve.

Schiff Natural Lands Trust has identified various parcels for acquisition adjacent to its Preserve. It seeks to link nearby municipal parks to the Preserve and to establish connections with many of its existing conservation easements.

South Jersey Land Trust

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Raccoon and Oldmans Creek

County: Gloucester, Salem

This project focuses on preserving lands near the headwaters and other drainageways of Raccoon and Oldmans Creeks. Particular emphasis will be placed on the "priority habitats" that were identified by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation in its study of the region, "Charting a Course for the Delaware Bay Watershed." The Trust plans to expand its preservation efforts to include the Township of Carney's Point in Salem County.

Tewksbury Land Trust

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Land Acquisition

County: Hunterdon

Tewksbury Land Trust is working in conjunction with Tewksbury Township to acquire lands identified in the Township's Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Tewksbury Land Trust will acquire more than 150 acres within the watersheds of the Cold Brook and Rockaway Creek, protecting these resources as well as neighboring preserved parcels. All of these Tewksbury Township parcels are contained within the Highlands Region of New Jersey.

The Conservation Fund

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Cape May Conservation Fund Acquisition

County: Cape May

The Conservation Fund is coordinating a cooperative project to acquire this 444-acre water supply protection property in Middle Township, Cape May County. The property is within the legislatively approved boundary of the US Fish and Wildlife Service Cape May National Wildlife Refuge, and provides high quality habitat to both state and federally listed endangered species.

Trust For Public Land

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Project Priority Areas

Atlantic Balanced Communities Acquisition

The Atlantic Balanced Communities Acquisition Project Area includes 297 acres in Egg Harbor, Galloway and Hamilton townships. Some of the property is environmentally sensitive, but the majority of land to be purchased has recreational development potential and will serve active recreation needs. All land is in the Pinelands Regional Growth Area.

Bergen County Open Space Plan Partnership

Trust for Public Land will assist in the implementation of the Bergen County Open Space & Recreation Plan, including lands identified for preservation in the Highlands.

Beyond the Century Plan - Barnegat Bay Initiative

This property is a mix of upland and wetland forest and is currently vacant land in an aquifer recharge area. The land is in the headwaters of Toms River, Oyster Creek, the South Branch of the Metedeconk River, and Manahawkin Mill Creek. Future use will be consistent with habitat conservation in conjunction with passive recreational use, including research, education, and wildlife observation.

Camden Balanced Communities Act

TPL has targeted 300 acres of land for preservation in the Camden Greenways/Open Space and Recreation Plan and the Voorhees Township Open Space and Recreation Plan. The majority of the property is being obtained for passive recreation, including research, education, and wildlife observation. Targeted lands include stream corridors, forests, wetlands, and habitat for native, rare, endangered, and threatened species.

Congress Hall Lawn Acquisition: TPL seeks to acquire a 2-acre property that is the only

undeveloped oceanfront parcel left in Cape May City. Currently used as parking in the summer, the lot is poorly maintained cement, lawn, and dirt. The goal is to acquire an easement and return the Lawn to a commons area.

Delaware River Inland

TPL will augment Burlington County's comprehensive land preservation effort by partnering with the County and the Rancocas Conservancy, a local nonprofit, in implementing Burlington County's Farmland and Open Space Strategic Plans.

Essex County Open Space

TPL will assist in the implementation of the Essex County Open Space Plan.

Harbor Estuary Acquisition

Trust for Public Land will expand the Arthur Kill River watershed protection project by acquiring the remaining viable wetland systems in the area, including salt marshes, freshwater wetlands, and adjacent forests. The project area spans four counties and seven municipalities along the Arthur Kill River and its watershed surrounding the New Jersey Harbor (part of the greater New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary and Bight that stretches from the tidal boundaries on the Hudson River to the confluence of the Hudson, Arthur Kill, and Kill Van Kull Rivers in the NY/NJ Harbor. This area is New Jersey's most developed and densely populated. The conservation value of the remaining salt marshes, freshwater wetlands and adjacent forests is, therefore, extremely significant.

Hudson County Open Space

TPL will assist in the implementation of the Hudson County Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Hunterdon County Open Space Partnership: Trust for Public Land proposes to partner with Hunterdon County to acquire properties and easements identified in the County's Open Space Plan. The proposed areas of preservation are mostly open space, vacant land, including wooded areas and wetland areas. Future use, in most cases, will be consistent with active or passive recreation, with conservation of sensitive areas.

Long Valley Open Space: TPL is working in Washington Township, Morris County, to create a greenway between the Musconetcong River and South Branch of the Raritan River, in the Stony Brook drainage area. The Stony Brook is a Category 1 trout production stream. Preserved lands will be used for such passive recreation as hiking and fishing.

Metedeconk Watershed Protection: The proposed areas of preservation are part of the Metedeconk River Watershed in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Properties targeted are mostly open, vacant land, including wooded areas and wetlands areas. The Metedeconk Watershed is a 70-square mile sub-watershed of the Barnegat Bay watershed. The biggest challenge facing this watershed is the booming population growth rate, which has led to the loss of forests and small isolated wetlands. Present zoning in the watershed would allow most of the open space to be developed.

Morris Open Space Acquisition: Trust for Public Land will assist in the acquisition of lands adjacent to Allamuchy State Park, the Scherman-Hoffman Audubon Sanctuary, and Wildcat Ridge Wildlife Management Area. Federal Forest Legacy and Land and Water Conservation Fund money may be used to assist with these acquisitions. Preserved properties will add to and provide a buffer to existing open space.

Sussex Open Space Partnership: TPL will assist in the acquisition of property within Sussex County.

Upper Delaware River Watershed: Trust for Public Land is negotiating to acquire hundreds of acres of land located along Scotts Mountain, linking to Jenny Jump State Forest. These acquisitions are aimed at protecting source water supplies and will supplement existing regional parkland resources.

Wanaque Gap: As part of its work to preserve water supply areas in northern New Jersey, TPL has targeted a large "gap" of unprotected land in the Wanaque watershed immediately south of Sterling Forest, between the northern and southern portions of Norvin Green State Park. This land will be acquired and/or protected through conservation easements.

Unexpected Wildlife Refuge

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Refuge Expansion

County: Atlantic and Gloucester

The Unexpected Wildlife Refuge seeks to purchase lands in both Franklin Township, Gloucester County, and in Buena Vista Township and Buena Borough, Atlantic County, adjacent to its existing wildlife refuge. This mostly forested land will be purchased as an expansion to the existing refuge, and used to give educational nature walks, a safe refuge for a variety of wild creatures and provide an outdoor classroom for the study of wildlife, particularly beavers.